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Title: Need to open a Sainik School in Chamarajanagar district, Karnataka.

SHRI R. DHRUVANARAYANA (CHAMRAJANAGAR): I would like to draw the kind attention of the Government regarding sanction of **"Sainik School"** at Chamarajanagar District (Karnataka State) of my Constituency.

I would like to bring to your kind notice that Chamarajanagar District of my Constituency covers 2,791 Sq.Kms of Reserved and Protected Forest Area, out of total area of 5,101 Sq.Kms. BRT Tiger Project, Bandipur Tiger Project, Cauvery Wild Life Division, Kollegal and Kollegal Wild Life Divisions come under this district. Chamarajanagar District is one of the most backward Districts in Karnataka State. According to Dr.Nanjundappa Committee Report on redressal of "Regional Imbalance" it ranked 25th in the State Human Development Index. There are 4 Taluks, 16 Hoblies, 446 habitated villages, 66 Non-habitated villages, 461 Revenue villages and 120 Grama Panchayats. Population as per 2001 Census is 9.65 lakhs and SC/ST Category population in this District is 35.6%. Karnataka State has already two Sainik Schools functioning at Bijapur and Coorg Districts. The opening of one more Sainik School in Chamarajanagar District would help the Children of backward rural areas to get better education facilities at their door step. The opening of Sainik School in Chamarajanagar District would meet the demands of Defence personnel serving the Nation.

In view of the above reasons, I would earnestly appeal the Hon'ble Union Minister of Defence to take necessary steps to sanction & open **"Sainik School"** in Chamarajanagar District for the benefit of rural children at the earliest.